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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Northwest Suburban Marine Corps League was chartered on May 8, 1954; the group sponsors many philanthropic projects and activities and is a strong participant in the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program, holding events to assist in collecting toys for underprivileged children, establishing drop-off points, and collecting toys throughout the Chicagoland area; and

WHEREAS, The League sponsors the Young Marines program in the broader Chicagoland area; this program helps inner city and suburban girls and boys establish self-confidence, social skills through team projects, leadership qualities through training, and the value of good moral character; and

WHEREAS, The group provides assistance and support to veterans through weekly hospital visits, where members provide a sweet table and beverages to long and short term care veterans, and they also collect and distribute comfort items to veterans in various Veterans Administration Hospitals and Care Facilities; the group also donates funds to either restore or build various memorials honoring America's veterans in the northwest Illinois area; and

WHEREAS, The Northwest Suburban Marine Corps League has solicited over \$60,000 in comfort items for U.S. troops serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom; the Detachment has supported U.S. Marine Corps families in need with funds, clothing, food, and moral support when needed; and

WHEREAS, Northwest Suburban Detachment has provided memorial services throughout the Northwest Illinois area, bringing comfort and pride to the families of our nation's fallen heroes; and

1 WHEREAS, The group has provided color guards for various
2 community events and parades; and

3 WHEREAS, This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Sea
4 Service Awards Dinner, which honors accomplishments in the
5 community and their branch of service by United States military
6 service personnel and their families serving in the Marine
7 Corps, Navy, and Coast Guard; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
9 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
10 we thank the members of the Northwest Suburban Marine Corps
11 League for their work in the community and with young people
12 and veterans, and we congratulate them on the occasion of their
13 30th anniversary Sea Service Awards Dinner; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the Northwest Suburban Marine Corps League as an
16 expression of our respect and esteem and with our best wishes
17 for the future.